

Returning to the front of the church the procession entered, and advanced up the main aisle to the high altar, singing the Litany of the Saints. The walls were then blessed inside.

MASS.

The ceremony of dedication being over, the Bishop, attended by his ministers, clothed himself in his Pontifical vestments, in order to sing Pontifical High Mass. The officers of the Mass were as follows:

Assistant Priest, Rev. Fr. Athanasius, O. S. F., Vicar-General to Bishop Hennessey of Wichita; Deacons of Honor, Rev. Fr. Fornelli, O. S. B., of McAlister, and Rev. Fr. Willibrord, O. S. B., of Edmund; Deacon of Mass, Rev. Fr. Felix, O. S. B., of Guthrie; Sub-Deacon, Rev. Fr. Hilary, O. S. B., of Oklahoma City; Masters of Ceremonies, Rev. Fr. Germanus, O. S. B., the "little giant" of El Reno, and Br. Joachim, O. S. B.; Censer-Bearer, Br. Eliseus; Crosier-Bearer, Br. Stanislaus; Mitre-Bearer, Br. Benedict; Trail-Bearer, Br. Lawrence; Book-Bearer, Br. Timothy; Candle-Bearer, Br. Edward; Gremiale-Bearer, Br. Albert, a full-blooded Indian; Acolytes, Brs. Raphael and Patrick.

MUSIC.

Music was not wanting. Rev. Fr. Adalbert presided at the organ, and Rev. Fr. Vincent, the beloved Pastor of Purcell, was chorist. It called back to his mind his younger days, when he used to sing in the cathedral choir of the city of the great Bossuet, in the sunny land of France. His melodious voice resounded through the whole church. Br. Gregory, on the clarionet, and Miss Bowles, a pupil of St. Mary's, on the piano, played some of their finest pieces, which were much appreciated by the audience.

After the gospel was sung, the Bishop delivered a grand sermon on the dedication. He spoke of that first grand

temple, erected to the honor of God as a type of the Church of the new law. He also spoke of the Church as the House of God and the Gate of Heaven. He brought his discourse to an end with a well deserved tribute to the untiring zeal and labors of the good Fathers in behalf of the poor Indians.

On the Bishop's return to the monastery, he was invited to the refectory, where a bounteous repast was prepared for him and the assembled guests. At the end of dinner Rev. Fr. Thomas proposed a toast to the health of our good Bishop, to which the Bishop replied in his usual pleasing way. Other toasts followed: I may mention Hon. Stephen Negauquet and Hon. J. Moose, both full-blood Indians, and highly educated gentlemen.

Pontifical Vespers took place at half past three, followed by the solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Our good and worthy Bishop left Monday morning to go back to his beloved residence of Guthrie. His Lordship enjoys his visits to Sacred Heart, and is quite at home among the good Fathers, who are his co-laborers in the meritorious work of the christianization and enlightenment of the Territory. He never comes without spending a few days with them, and it is only the urgent duties of Vicariate that take him away so soon from this beloved solitude.

Before ending this letter, I will add a few details about the new church, in order to let the reader know what a gigantic work it was, and what it cost to build such an edifice, when all the material had to be hauled by wagon forty miles over bad roads. The church is the largest and finest of the twin territories, and is 60 by 114 feet. The cross on the steeple is 96 feet high from the floor. The steeple is a very elegant one. But the outside is nothing compared to the interior beauty of the building. It might be said of it as of